

What Is Claimed Is:

1 1. An image interception method, comprising the steps of:
2 providing a document;
3 obtaining an image contained in the document;
4 recognizing the image; and
5 intercepting the image if the image is recognized as an
6 objectionable image .

1 2. The method as claimed in claim 1 further opening the
2 document.

1 3. The method as claimed in claim 1 further showing the
2 image if the image is not recognized as an objectionable image.

1 4. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the image can
2 be obtained by reading the image directly if the image is
3 attached to the document.

1 5. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the image can
2 be obtained by reading the image through a link if the image is
3 linked to within the document.

1 6. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the image is
2 recognized by a recognition module.

1 7. The method as claimed in claim 6 further setting the
2 sensitivity of the recognition module.

1 8. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the document
2 is a webpage.

1 9. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the document
2 is an email message.

1 10. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the document
2 is a document generated within an office productivity
3 application.

1 11. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the document
2 is a PDF document.

1 12. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the
2 objectionable image contains sexual themes.